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The Green Thumb

A Newsletter of Extension Horticultural Activities and Events
For York County Extension Volunteers

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Future Calendar Events

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| May 6, 9 AM | Plant Sale – sponsored by YC Master Gardeners, Learning Garden & Arboretum |
| May 7, 1 PM | Bird FanFair – Tabb High School |
| May 9, 6:30 PM | Plant Health Clinic, Polaris Drive, Tabb (www.yorkcounty.gov/vce , “Upcoming Events”) |
| May 12, 9:30 AM | 4-H Chrysanthemum Project, volunteer practice session, Extension Office |
| May 17, 12 N | HearSay Garden Radio Show WHRV 89.5 FM |
| May 18, 10 AM | Plant Health Clinic, King Richard Court, Queens Lake (www.yorkcounty.gov/vce , “Upcoming Events”) |
| May 24, 6:30 PM | Plant Health Clinic, Water Fowl Drive, Lakes of Dare (www.yorkcounty.gov/vce , “Upcoming Events”) |
| May 25, 6:30 PM | 4-H Chrysanthemum Project startup meeting, General Services Bldg, cafeteria |

For additions/corrections to the Calendar of Events contact Jim at 890-4940, or Kris Wessler at 988-0616 or e-mail jwessler@earthlink.net (put Green Thumb in the subject line). Ignore the computer-generated notice from Spamblocker. The deadline for *The Green Thumb* is ALWAYS the 15th of the month.

E-mail changes: If you have changes to any of the methods of communication to you please notify Jody. We want to keep all communication channels open. Any changes will be posted to the weekly e-mails and will be in the Green Thumb.

Master Gardener Mission Statement

Our mission, as trained volunteers in partnership with the York County, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent, is to provide horticultural educational opportunities to the public through research-based horticultural programs and activities to enhance our environment, lives and community.

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Notes from Jim

As you might know, Jody will be departing our office as the Unit Administrative Assistant on April 6th. She has been a great asset to this office and has been able to execute programs and tasks that have kept us in close contact to the public. She has developed friendships with many of you. We will be honoring Jody at a simple farewell get together. I hope that you will be able to talk with Jody and express your gratitude for her commitment to us for over 9 years.

On the flip side -- her position will be vacant for some time and I will need your help not only to answer horticultural calls, but also to serve as a receptionist during this time. Joel and I will be working pretty steady and taking time to answer calls and register people as it can be done but it's just one more thing to do in an already busy office. Your help is always appreciated in the office. Towards that - I am listing Master Gardener phone needs in the calendar. Please contact Ricki Noble by phone (898-2930) or by e-mail (Wnoble3@cox.net) of your availability as it relates to the vacant dates. Finally, please suggest interested individuals to apply when it becomes advertised.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jim

Coordinator Notes

Spring is here they say, however, as I write this note there is snow outside my window! The warm days should be here soon and everyone will be busy in their gardens once again. Just a few points of interest for everyone to remember. Jody Painter will be leaving early in April, if you didn't have a chance to say good bye on March 29th you may want to do so before April 6th! Please be sure to tally up your hours for Judy Lange and then get them to her, especially the MG interns, those hours add up fast! There are so many wonderful opportunities and programs for you to participate in this spring and summer. The CNU Symposium, Summer Landscape Series, Learning Garden Plant Sale, and Bird Fan Fair are coming up in the next few weeks as well as Educational Trips and MG College in June. During the March meeting we voted to change our gift for Operation Rejuvenation in Mississippi to a check donation instead of an Amazon Gift Certificate to help wherever it is needed in restoring Mississippi MG landscape projects. To date we have collected \$88, thanks to all who have donated, a check will go out soon.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 11th at 9:30 in the small meeting space at St. Luke's (the quarterly meeting is in May). If you need to be included in our April meeting agenda please call me at 565-7050 or better email at tombeccacho@cox.net. Thanks for all you do!

Rebecca Cho

YCMG Upcoming Meetings

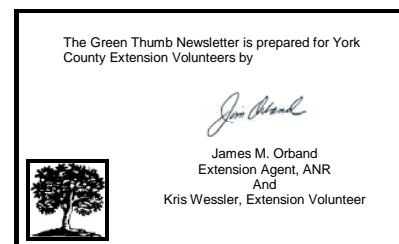
April 11th, June 13th - 9:30am - 11:30am, St. Luke's small meeting space.

Please remember to bring items for the Food Closet.

May 9th - Quarterly Meeting 9:30am - 1pm - St. Luke's Large Meeting space, Jim Orband will be our Guest Speaker. There will be a plant exchange.

Please bring food to share.

****Please Note:** Our Quarterly Meeting has been changed from April to May due to a conflict



4-H Fish Fry: A combined District 4-H All Star and District 4-H Leaders' Association Meeting and fish fry fundraiser dinner (open to everyone) will be held at Jamestown 4-H Center following Open House at **5:30 PM on Sunday, June 4, 2006**. These events have been combined to make maximum use of your time. Live entertainment has been scheduled and a door prize drawing will be held for a fishing rod and reel combination.

Tickets are required for the dinner since a count is needed to have the necessary food available. The price for adults is **\$8** and the price for children under 12 is **\$5**. A *Ticket Order Form* is attached. Return the form and your tickets will be waiting for you (by name) at the dinner. Please do not send cash. Checks or money orders should be payable to the "NE DISTRICT 4-H LEADERS." Please **mail** this information on or before **May 26**.

After this deadlines, contact our All Star advisors, Jocelyn Dailey (804-556-5873) or Kendra Kyle (804-501-5160), for meal coordination. Proceeds will be used to provide 4-H Congress scholarships for NE District Public Speaking Contest winners and Jamestown 4-H Educational Center.

Learning Garden The Learning Garden is coming back to life. We are already preparing for the plant sale, which is May 6. We would like to make a plea for plants from your yards. The earlier they can be potted, the better their root systems will be developed by the sale. Please bring your plants to the potting area behind the shed. Thursdays are the best days since someone is usually there. Please label at least one of your plants (if multiples of same). We are also in need of old venetian blinds to use for labels and pricing tags. If you know of someone from the community who would like to donate plants, please contact Felice Bond who will arrange for someone to retrieve the plants. *Mary Alice DeBow* 345-3703

Horticultural Therapy Group meets the 4th Tuesday of every month. Our next session is March 28, 2006 at 10:15 AM in the Activities Room at York Convalescent Center, 113 Battle Road, Yorktown.

Thank you to the five volunteers who picked up flowers and prepared the floral foam for last months horticultural therapy: Janet Bradshaw, Judy Lange, Michelle Gazarik, Libby Carlson, and Mary Frances Baker!! And thanks to all the regular and new volunteers who come to cut flowers and work with the residents of the Convalescent Center in Yorktown. The wonderful level of participation by York County Master Gardeners help to make this monthly activity worthwhile and satisfying for all involved!! If you would like to participate in this activity, pick up flowers, or have any questions, please call me at 766-1788, or e-mail, leeppropmgt@cox.net. Please bring your clippers, some greenery from your garden, plastic laundry bottle caps, green floral foam, or other floral supplies if available. Or just bring yourselves and your willingness to have some fun with us!

Anita Lee

2006 Horticultural Extravaganza: A special thank you to all the volunteers who made this year's Horticultural Extravaganza such a great success! The evaluations confirm just what a great job you did! Thank you to all of our committee chairpersons and their support teams for the careful attention and details given to the attendees, speakers and exhibitors.

Committee Chairpersons:

Registration:	Jackie Lohr	Facilities:	Tom Dunmire
Moderators:	Karen Ward	Equipment:	Michelle Gazarik
Poster:	Lily Lach	Copying:	Laurice Becker
Evaluations:	Nancy Beadling	Exhibitors:	Vickie Bunch
Finance:	Julie Rolston	Lunch:	Sybil Przypek

We are currently organizing our Curriculum Committee for next year. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jan Puliafico at vpuliafico@att.net, or 875-5522. Watch for details in the next Green Thumb. Ellen Calle & Jan Puliafico

Environmental Education Training Opportunity -The annual 4-H Camp Staff Training will be held May 17 – 19 at Holiday Lake 4-H Center. I will be conducting an 8 hour session on water resources and general environmental education on May 18. This session is open to any interested 4-H Agents, Volunteer Leaders or other adult educators. The session will include activities from Projects WILD/WET/Learning Tree/Healthy Water-Healthy People and other resources. Groundwater, water quality and Enviroscope will also be included with plenty of hands-on/outdoor activities. **To register**, send your name, affiliation, address, phone number and E-mail address to Barry Fox, Box 9081, VA State University, Petersburg, VA 23806 and a check for \$15.00 (includes lunch and all materials) payable to Virginia 4-H Foundation **by May 10, 2006**.

What Do You Know About Water Quality? (Final project review and revision)

When: May 4, 2006, 10:00-4:00 **Where:** Virginia State University Cooperative Extension Building, Petersburg
Who: Extension Agents (ANR, 4-H, FCS), Adult Volunteers, teachers and students. Teams of an adult and 2 – 4 students (grades 6 and higher) are recommended. Maximum of 60.

What: This is an opportunity to participate in review and revision of this multimedia program. Participants will be divided into groups to review and offer revision suggestions for this comprehensive water quality program. All participants will be recognized as contributors in the program credits and receive the first copies of the program following completion. In addition, you will receive copies of the award winning video *After the Storm*, an estuary poster and CD and watershed education CD. Lunch will be provided.

To Register: Contact Barry Fox, 804-524-5848, bfox@vsu.edu. A registration form, student/school release letter and parental consent form will be sent. Indicate the number of participants (adult and youth).

Registration deadline: April 7 **Cost:** Free

Landscape Extravaganza Planning The landscape extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th, 2006, at the facilities of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church on Hwy. 17 in Yorktown. The initial planning is underway. The focus is on fall planting, winterizing the garden and tools, etc.. Those MGs who indicated their interest in volunteering to help have been contacted; however, if you would like to volunteer to help out with this half-day event in any capacity, please contact Pat English at pjenglish@cox.net. Also, if you have a suggested topic, and possibly the name of a speaker, please let Pat know as it is not too early to start lining up speakers.

Gloucester Daffodil Festival The 20th Annual Daffodil Festival opens Saturday, April 1 with a parade at 9:30.

There will be fine arts, music, handcrafts, children's activities, food and even a dog show! Brent and Becky Bulbs will be hosting tours. For directions, call 804.694.0924/757.870.8704 or visit www.co.gloucester.va.us/

CNU's 9th Annual Gardening Symposium will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2006. The keynote speaker will be C. Colston Burrell, frequent contributor to *Horticulture* magazine and author of many books including "*Perennial Combinations: Stunning Combinations that Make Your Garden Look Fantastic Right from the Start*" and "*Intimate Gardens*". There are 10 workshops available. The price is \$20 which includes a box lunch, the keynote speaker, 2 hour-long workshops, and garden give-aways. There will be plant sales and displays. For more information log on to <http://lifelonglearning.cnu.edu/garden.html>. You can download the registration form from the link provided. Registration is due by April 13 and afterwards with a \$5 late fee.

Extension Office MG Phone Needs - Please call Ricki Noble at Wnoble3@cox.net or 898-2930 to volunteer!!

April 5, 6, 7, 10, 17, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29: 9am - 12n

April 5, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28: 12n-3pm

April 12, 14: 2-5 pm

April 5: 3-5 pm

May 1-5: 9-12n, 12-3pm

May 8-12: 9-12n, 12-3pm, 3-5pm

May 15-19: 9-12n, 12-3pm

May 22-26: 9-12n, 12-3pm

May 30-Jun 2: 9-12n, 12-3pm, 3-5pm

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						1 Gloucester Daffodil Festival
2	3	4	5 Agent workday @ the 4-H Center	6 Learning Garden Meeting 9:30 at Env.Svs Plant Health Clinic 10 am Jody's last day	7	8
9	10	11 YCMG Mtg 9:30 am St. Lukes Small space Bring food for food closet	12 Plant Health Clinic 6:30 pm	13 Learning Garden 9:30	14	15
16	17	18 Care of common Plants mtg 9:30 am Extension Office	19 HearSay Gardening 12:00 WHRO 89.5 FM	20 Learning Garden 9:30	21	22 CNU Garden Symposium 8:00-2:15
23	24	25	26	27 Learning Garden 9:30	29	30 11:30-2:00 York County Volunteers Recognition Picnic